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PRESIDENT: It has been moved to indefinitely postpone LB104. Senator Dickinson do you wish to be heard on your motion.

SENATOR DICKINSON: May I respond a little bit to the last couple of comments. I think Senator Anderson made some benevolent concern for agriculture, but I find it difficult to understand why no people involved in agriculture are standing up for the support of this bill. I had a question to Senator Syas in regard to the impact of the tax reduction in dollars lost for the state of Nebraska. I think it's important and it's not been talked about at all. In response to Senator Rasmussen's question about would water be eliminated for the use of farm pond, why my intuition would tell me that it certainly would. Water is just as important as feed for livestock, so if you are going to consider feeding, grazing on a land as a useful purpose you certainly would consider watering off the land as a useful purpose also. I believe in view of all these things that my motion is proper and I ask your support.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion. Senator Mahoney

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would speak against Senator Dickinson's motion to kill LB104 because I think actually the Senators that come from the rural area would take another look at this thing they would realize that Senator Dickinson is not getting all of facts and all of the things that are important here. I can say that in the County of Cass of that I know of farmer friends who owns 80 acres of wooded land. Yet the 80 acres of wooded land of terrain that impossible to graze cattle or to do anything else. But every year the tax assessor and the tax collectors at Plattsmouth send him \$4 an acre to tax this land. This is the ravens that George is talking about. This is the type of rough terrain. And I think for this particular farmer who has other ground, which he does plant his corn on, that this ground cannot be used for this purpose. But here is this very ground that the squirrels, that many kinds of deer are found in it is their last refuge, the last place where deer and other animals of the forrest have an opportunity. And if no relief comes for this particular person, it will fall to the bulldozer to clear this land and to make it tillable so it is possible that he can get every dime or the future owners out of this land. And I think that we would be making a serious and a very terrible mistake here. I think that very definitely that Senator Syas in this bill is doing something for Nebraska for the next 50 years. I think Senator Syas is taking the side of the rural interest and I think Senator Syas should be congratulated for it. And I don't think that this bill should be killed. I know the case in the county that I'm very interested in where the farmer actually ought to have tax relief. This is tax relief. These are these little creek beds, etc. that going to keep the water and the ground together in case in some future year we have droughth. These are just little havens in which rabbits and other things might have an opportunity to live and have some type of wild life have some refuge. And I do hope this Legislature will not kill this bill. I think this is good for rural interest and will not harm them at all.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Kremer and then Senator Kelly.